

# TOP PRIORITY ON WYCOMBE VENGEANCE BID!

Wycombe Wanderers 4,  
Wealdstone 0

WITH the Section B title long since sewn up, Wycombe Wanderers settled some unfinished business at Loakes Park on Wednesday by avenging their Premier Floodlight League defeat at Lower Mead last December.

Wanderers seemed to make it a matter of top priority. One up in two minutes, two up in nine, they went at the Stones' defence as if the whole championship rested on the result.

By 90 minutes, striker-of-the-night, Tony Horseman, had

scored twice to bring him equal on 43 goals apiece with Keith Searle, who added the fourth for Wycombe. Geoff Anthony also made the scoring list.

## SCARE

But there was a mighty scare, too, for Wycombe manager, Brian Lee. Skipper John Delaney badly twisted his right ankle and had to be helped to the dressing-rooms, while substitute Johnny Hutchinson took over for the closing stages of the second period.

In front of one of the lowest Loakes Park 'gates' of the season, Wealdstone fielded a sketchy sample of their playing pool when they visited Wycombe for the last time before

turning semi-professional in the Southern League.

The home side included, out of necessity, half-fit combatants in Bremer, Horseman, Delaney, Faulkner and Hutchinson, roped in as substitute.

Wealdstone's deputy goalkeeper, Alan Thomas, apparently known to be susceptible in the air, made his critics eat their words during a night of almost endless activity.

## NOT ENOUGH

But that wasn't enough to contain Wanderers' ever buzzing forwards.

A second-minute corner, worked across goal, had Delaney heading with familiar power only for Mahon to handle the ball off his line to concede a penalty. Up stepped Horseman to stroke the spot kick home.

Seven minutes later Anthony loosed a grand left-foot shot from the edge of Wealdstone's area for a distinguished score.

Rumour has it the visitors brought an attack with them. But confirmation is still awaited, give or take little Dave Yerby's customary show of interest on the right wing.

Ex-Chesham man, Neil Bunker, and Alan Pentecost, once with Oxford City, made small impression on the Wycombe defence.

Meanwhile, Searle and Bremer teased their former club with some strong, long-range shooting, before Horseman added number three in the 35th minute.

## CENTRAL PASS

A long pass down centre-field, misheaded back by a Stones' defender, was quickly

picked up by Tony, who crashed the ball into goal magnificently on the half-volley.

The first half, despite the goals, had been little more world-shattering than the boring first affair in Middlesex.

Horseman, trying zealously for a hat-trick, provided a scare for Stones from the second-half kick-off, to suggest a rise in the excitement level.

But it was a false promise! Wycombe's raiding parties kept a-coming, yet only managed one extra goal, through Searle, after 72 minutes, when Thomas pushed away Horseman's first effort.

Eight minutes earlier Williams had headed a close-range Horseman effort off the line.

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WYCOMBE: J. Maskell; K. Blunt, C. Gale, I. Rundle, J. Delaney (sub.: J. Hutchinson, 70 mins.); B. Baker, B. Bremer, V. Faulkner, K.

Searle, A. Horseman, G. Anthony. WEALDSTONE: A. Thomas; G. Austin, A. Dafforn, R. Williams, D. Price, R. Townsend, D. Yerby, T. Mahon, N. Bunker, J. Webb, A. Pentecost. Sub.: Alleman (not used). Referee: B. J. Homewood (Sunderbury).

Official paying attendance: 812. Half-time: 3-0. Goalscorers: Horseman 2 (2 pen, 35), Anthony (9), Searle (72).